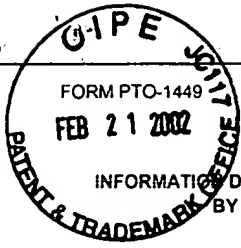


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|                     | 5,940,012       | 08/17/99 | Studebaker         |       |          |                                 |
|                     | 5,934,026       | 08/10/99 | Green              |       |          |                                 |
|                     | 5,915,774       | 06/29/99 | Tiedge             |       |          |                                 |
|                     | 5,902,001       | 05/11/99 | Schneider          |       |          |                                 |
|                     | 5,894,698       | 04/20/99 | Dewald, Jr. et al. |       |          |                                 |
|                     | 5,833,294       | 11/10/98 | Williams et al.    |       |          |                                 |
|                     | 5,800,002       | 09/01/98 | Tiedge et al.      |       |          |                                 |
|                     | 5,791,726       | 08/11/98 | Kaufman            |       |          |                                 |
|                     | 5,791,715       | 08/11/98 | Nebel              |       |          |                                 |
|                     | 5,788,306       | 08/04/98 | DiBiagio et al.    |       |          |                                 |
|                     | 5,785,373       | 07/28/98 | Futrell et al.     |       |          |                                 |
|                     | 5,746,473       | 05/05/98 | Crean              |       |          |                                 |
|                     | 5,734,336       | 03/31/98 | Smithline          |       |          |                                 |
|                     | 5,718,253       | 02/17/98 | McNamee            |       |          |                                 |
|                     | 5,706,616       | 01/13/98 | Fernandez          |       |          |                                 |
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|                     | 5,566,918       | 10/22/96 | Becker             |       |          |                                 |
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|                     | 5,529,825       | 06/25/96 | Sutherland         |       |          |                                 |
|                     | 5,516,182       | 05/14/96 | Aragon et al.      |       |          |                                 |
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|                     | 5,401,050       | 03/28/95 | Baker              |       |          |                                 |
|                     | 5,374,094       | 12/20/94 | Smith et al.       |       |          |                                 |
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|                     | 5,291,701       | 03/08/94 | Delacollete et al. |       |          |                                 |
|                     | 5,280,990       | 01/25/94 | Rinard             |       |          |                                 |
|                     | 5,248,005       | 09/28/93 | Mochizuki          |       |          |                                 |
|                     | 5,242,185       | 09/07/93 | Carr et al.        |       |          |                                 |
|                     | 5,237,782       | 08/24/93 | Cooper             |       |          |                                 |
|                     | 5,199,120       | 04/06/93 | Holmes             |       |          |                                 |
|                     | 5,171,056       | 12/15/92 | Faludy et al.      |       |          |                                 |
|                     | 5,143,418       | 09/01/92 | Fouquet            |       |          |                                 |
|                     | 5,112,082       | 05/12/92 | Clelland           |       |          |                                 |
|                     | 5,100,716       | 03/31/92 | Juneau             |       |          |                                 |
|                     | 5,100,196       | 03/31/92 | Dodgen             |       |          |                                 |
|                     | 5,090,749       | 02/25/92 | Lee                |       |          |                                 |
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|                     | 4,960,299       | 10/02/90 | Steadman          |       |          |                                 |
|                     | 4,957,323       | 09/18/90 | Johnson           |       |          |                                 |
|                     | 4,955,661       | 09/11/90 | Mattice           |       |          |                                 |
|                     | 4,867,502       | 09/19/89 | Sylvester, et al. |       |          |                                 |
|                     | 4,841,897       | 06/27/89 | Clafflin          |       |          |                                 |
|                     | 4,776,631       | 10/11/88 | Sargent, et al.   |       |          |                                 |
|                     | 4,772,063       | 09/20/88 | Amy               |       |          |                                 |
|                     | 4,746,164       | 05/24/88 | Crean             |       |          |                                 |
|                     | 4,729,594       | 03/08/88 | Hoff              |       |          |                                 |
|                     | 4,728,144       | 03/01/88 | Crean             |       |          |                                 |
|                     | 4,719,954       | 01/19/88 | Curtis et al.     |       |          |                                 |
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|                     | 4,550,946       | 11/05/85 | Hanemaayer        |       |          |                                 |
|                     | 4,500,132       | 02/19/85 | Yoder             |       |          |                                 |
|                     | 4,480,866       | 11/06/84 | Komatsu           |       |          |                                 |
|                     | 4,468,823       | 09/04/84 | Tounjian          |       |          |                                 |
|                     | 4,457,554       | 07/03/84 | Fuisz et al.      |       |          |                                 |
|                     | 4,322,108       | 03/30/82 | McPherson         |       |          |                                 |
|                     | 4,175,576       | 11/27/79 | Iby               |       |          |                                 |
|                     | 4,147,379       | 04/03/79 | Winslow           |       |          |                                 |
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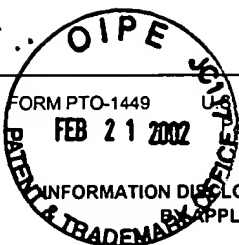
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|                     | 3,959,985       | 06/01/76 | Schulze, Sr.    |       |          |                                 |
|                     | 3,918,510       | 11/11/75 | Hayward         |       |          |                                 |
|                     | 3,915,492       | 10/28/75 | Agnese          |       |          |                                 |
|                     | 3,902,752       | 09/02/75 | Pelletier       |       |          |                                 |
|                     | 3,895,726       | 07/22/75 | Rassieur        |       |          |                                 |
|                     | 3,887,220       | 06/03/75 | Hall            |       |          |                                 |
|                     | 3,850,470       | 11/26/74 | Trelle          |       |          |                                 |
|                     | 3,825,281       | 07/23/74 | Howard          |       |          |                                 |
|                     | 3,801,138       | 04/02/74 | Quick           |       |          |                                 |
|                     | 3,740,088       | 06/19/73 | Ratcliff        |       |          |                                 |
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|                     | 3,608,954       | 09/28/71 | Lynd            |       |          |                                 |
|                     | 3,572,809       | 03/30/71 | Buland          |       |          |                                 |
|                     | 3,565,480       | 02/23/71 | McCollum et al. |       |          |                                 |
|                     | 3,341,986       | 09/19/67 | Brosig          |       |          |                                 |
|                     | 3,300,839       | 01/31/67 | Lichti          |       |          |                                 |
|                     | 3,287,058       | 11/22/66 | Wells           |       |          |                                 |
|                     | 3,254,914       | 06/07/66 | Steck           |       |          |                                 |
|                     | 3,165,350       | 01/12/65 | Willson         |       |          |                                 |
|                     | 3,106,750       | 10/15/63 | Jarman          |       |          |                                 |
|                     | 2,876,035       | 03/03/59 | Houdart         |       |          |                                 |
|                     | 2,788,791       | 04/16/57 | Pospisil et al. |       |          |                                 |
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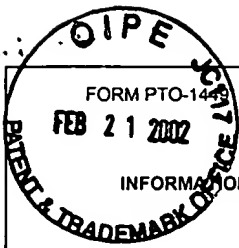
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|                     | 2,606,057       | 08/05/52 | Johnson   |       |          |                                 |
|                     | 2,225,319       | 12/17/40 | Rollo     |       |          |                                 |
|                     | 2,177,394       | 10/24/39 | Pierce    |       |          |                                 |
|                     | 2,150,615       | 03/14/39 | Sword     |       |          |                                 |
|                     | 1,536,518       | 05/05/25 | Osborn    |       |          |                                 |
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